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I've lived all my life on the river. I was lucky enough to have time along the river when the salmon were there, when the river teemed with life, as it had for untold centuries. It all ended in the early 70s.

Has anyone totaled up the loss for us upstream so that farmers down-river could barge grain instead of using the railroad or highway system already in place? We paid an extremely high price for those pork barrel projects. And as tax payers, we continue to pay today!

Add to that the fact that we up-river have had ever more rigorous restrictions placed on our grazing, logging, and mining. We need the economic benefit the salmon could bring to Salmon, Challis, and Clayton. We need to return to business-as-usual in Central Idaho.

Do what is best for the FISH. And that is dam removal. Do it for generations of Idahoans yet unborn. Do it for those of us in Central Idaho who paid the price for those down-stream dams. But most importantly, let's not have it said the salmon went extinct on our watch.